

SUMMARY

HA-1310

Strawbridge-Edie House
2830 Bradenbaugh Road
White Hall, MD

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

Strawbridge-Edie House

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

North side of Bradenbaugh Road between Md. Rte. 23 & Harford Creamery Road

CITY, TOWN

Shawsville

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

VICINITY OF

STATE
Md.

COUNTY

Harford

3 CLASSIFICATION**CATEGORY**☐ DISTRICT☒ BUILDING(S)☐ STRUCTURE☐ SITE☐ OBJECT**OWNERSHIP**☐ PUBLIC☒ PRIVATE☐ BOTH**PUBLIC ACQUISITION**☐ IN PROCESS☐ BEING CONSIDERED**STATUS**☒ OCCUPIED☐ UNOCCUPIED☐ WORK IN PROGRESS**ACCESSIBLE**☒ YES: RESTRICTED☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED☐ NO**PRESENT USE**☐ AGRICULTURE☐ MUSEUM☐ COMMERCIAL☐ PARK☐ EDUCATIONAL☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE☐ ENTERTAINMENT☐ RELIGIOUS☐ GOVERNMENT☐ SCIENTIFIC☐ INDUSTRIAL☐ TRANSPORTATION☐ MILITARY☐ OTHER**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Mrs. Edie

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

2830 Bradenbaugh Rd.

CITY, TOWN

White Hall

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code
Md.**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE,

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Harford County Courthouse

Liber #:

Folio #:

STREET & NUMBER

40 South Main Street

CITY, TOWN

Bel Air

STATE

Maryland

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION

☐ EXCELLENT
☒ GOOD
☐ FAIR

☐ DETERIORATED
☐ RUINS
☐ UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

☐ UNALTERED
☒ ALTERED

CHECK ONE

☐ ORIGINAL SITE
☐ MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This two-story, gable-roofed frame house is located on the north side of Bradenbaugh Road, between Norrisville Road (Md. Rte. 23) and Harford Creamery Road.

Set on a slope with a raised stone foundation, the house is now covered with asbestos shingles and has two interior end brick chimneys. Facing south, the three bay wide and two bay deep house has a one-story, 4 bay-long, shed-roofed addition spanning the north side. except for the four-light gable windows, windows have 6/1 sash and plain trim.

The principal or south facade is spanned by a one-story shed-roofed porch with square posts and a railing with square balusters. The porch is reached by a flight of steps at the west end, and the foundation has been enclosed. Entrances are in the center two bays of the first story, with windows in the two outerbays. The three windows in the second-story are arranged asymmetrically.

The east end has one window in the south bay of the first-story and two gable windows.

The west end has two windows in each story.

The interior of the main section has a two-room plan with a winder staircase in the northeast corner. The basement has log joists, a fireplace in the east wall and in the south wall are exposed portions of brick. The original clapboard siding is visible here.

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8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW		
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This house is said to have been built by Henry M. Strawbridge, who acquired a 106 acre parcel of land for \$1500 from Joseph & Lavinia Mulinix in 1868.¹ This farm included part of the tracts "Hughes Cabin", "Brown's Choice", and "Heidleborough". Seventeen years later, in 1885, Henry Strawbridge purchased a 25-acre lot for \$707.26 from Benjamin Ayres, which had previously belonged to his father, Thomas J. Ayres, Sr.² The latter was one of the large landowners of the area, and Benjamin Ayres has been described in one biographical sketch as one of Harford County's leading agriculturists. This house was constructed on the lot purchased from Joseph Mulinix, although it does not appear on the 1878 Martenet's Map.

In 1902, Henry and Elizabeth Strawbridge sold the 131-acre farm to Ralph and Margaret Edie for \$3000³, and it has been owned by the Edies since then.

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1. Liber ALJ 21, folio 338
2. Liber ALJ 52, folio 262
3. Liber WSF 104, folio 150

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Land & Will Records of Harford County

Portrait & Biographical Sketches of Harford & Cecil Counties, 1897, New York

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Natalie Shivers

9/79

ORGANIZATION

Harford County Historic District Commission

DATE

838-6000, x 207

STREET & NUMBER

45 South Main Street

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

Bel Air

STATE

Maryland

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

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RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust
The Shaw House, 21 State Circle
Annapolis, Maryland 21401
(301) 267-1438

STRAWBRIDGE-EDIE HOUSE

Title Search

1. 971/596 April 10, 1975 Grantor: Arthur M. & Gladys A. Edie
2nd Part: Arthur M. & Gladys A. Edie (1/2 interest)
3rd Part: Norman Edie (1/2 interest)
Acreage: property belonging to Margaret & Ralph H. Edie (now deceased)
2. WSF 104/150 March 27, 1902 Grantor: Henry M. & Elizabeth Ann Strawbridge
Grantee: Ralph H. & Margaret C. Edie
Sum: \$3000
Acreage: "Hugh's Cabin", "Brown's Choice", "Hudleborough" (sic) = 131 Acres, 115 Perches
3. ALJ 52/262 January 1, 1885 Grantor: Benjamin A. & Julie Ayres
Grantee: Henry M. Strawbridge
Sum: \$707.26
Acreage: 25 Acres, 115 Perches
4. ALJ 21/338 June 6, 1868 Grantor: Joseph & Lavinia Mulinix
Grantee: Henry M. Strawbridge
Sum: \$1500
Acreage: "Hughes Cabin", "Brown's Choice", "Hudleborough" (sic) = 106 Acres
- 5a. WG 11/1 May 10, 1859 Grantor: William Lawton & wife, Hannah
Grantee: Jos. Molonax
Sum: \$1500
Acreage: "Hughes Cabin", "Brown's Choice", "Tusculum", "Heidelburgh" = 127 1/2 A. 25 P.
- 5b. ALJ 9/65 March 2, 1857 Grantor: Mary M. McBlair
Grantee: William Lawton
Sum: \$1150
Acreage: "Hughes Cabbin", "Browns Choice", part of "Tusculum", & part of "Heidleburgh" = 127 1/2 A. 25 P.
- 5c. HD 11/406 October 14, 1828 Grantor: John Kean, Esq., Sheriff
Grantee: James Turner of Samuel - administrator of Samuel Turner
Sum: \$325
Acreage: "Hughes Cabbin", "Brown's Choice", "Heidleburgh", "Tusculum" = 127 1/2 Acres (3 judgments vs. Nathan Peach @ \$160.75)

Title Search (Cont'd.)

5d. HD 5/11	October 17, 1820	Grantor: Samuel Turner Grantee: Nathan Pearce Sum: \$947 Acreage: "Hughes Cabbin", & "Brown's Choice" 94 3/4 Acres
6. ALJ 42/171	January 8, 1881	Grantor: Thomas J. Ayres Sr. & wife, Elizabeth Grantee: Benjamin A. Ayres Acreage: 100 Acres





Strawbridge-Edie House HA-1318
White Hall, MD
Natalie Shivers 9/79
Southeast